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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.

FELIX R. MEDINA SALVADOR RAUL REMOND RAFAEL REMOND FERNANDO PINEDA **JULIO POSAS** ALFONSO CHUNGA **ROLANDO CALERO** FRANKLIN CASTILLO MARLON TALAVERA **CARLOS LARGAES** WILLIAM TALAVERA JOHNNY MENJIVAR **RUBEN QUESADA SNAYRE ACEVEDO WILGEN BRAVO** FRANKLIN LANZAS **ERICK MARTINEZ** 

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE SIMONTON

#### **PLAINTIFFS**

VS.

CASE #

3 C CONTRUCTION CORP. CUVEN CORP. AUSTIN COMMERCIAL, INC. TURNER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

#### **DEFENDANTS**

/ COMPLAINT (OPT-IN OR COLLECTIVE ACTION PURSUANT TO 29 U.S.C. 216(B)

Preliminary statement: It is believed that the alleged wage violations stated herein apply to multiple employees of these Defendants who have not yet

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been named in the complaint. It is the intention of these Plaintiffs to utilize to opt-in provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act 29 U.S.C. 216(B) upon receipt of the Court's permission in order to do so.

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through undersigned counsel, and states:

- This is an action for damages arising under the Fair Labor Standards Act
   U.S.C. 201-216.
- 2. The Plaintiffs were employees of Defendants working out of the MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NORTH TERMINAL PROGRAM at the time that this dispute arose.
- 3. The Defendants regularly transact business within Dade County, Fla. and the Plaintiffs reside in Dade County, Fla. Upon information and belief, the Defendants were all Fair Labor Standard Act employers of the Plaintiffs as specified below and are, therefore, liable for any amount of overtime wages that are found to be due to the Plaintiffs.
- 4. The Defendants determined and controlled each Plaintiff's work for them for the time period alleged in the complaint. Each Plaintiff is/was completely economically dependent on Turner Construction, Inc. and

Austin Commercial, Inc. and their respective joint venture referred to as "Turner-Austin Airport Team" for the relevant time period. These Defendants will be referenced as "Turner-Austin" throughout this complaint.

- 5. "Turner-Austin" decided and established the work hours for the Plaintiffs though contracts entered into with the other two Defendants named "3 C Construction Corp. "3C" and "Cuven Corp." referred to herein as "Cuven". "3 C" was Plaintiff "MEDINA's", "PINEDA's", "QUESADA's", "LANZAS", "BRAVO'S", "ACEVEDO'S" AND "MARTINEZ'S" W-2 or immediate employer for the relevant time period while "CUVEN" was the W-2 or direct or immediate employer for the Plaintiffs "REMOND", JULIO POSAS, ALFONSO CHUNGA, ROLANDO CALERO, FRANKLIN CASTILLO, MARLON TALAVERA, CARLOS LARGAES WILLIAM TALAVERA, AND JOHNNY MENJIVAR for the relevant time period.
- 6. The Plaintiffs were all construction workers who depended exclusively on the Turner-Austin MIA North Terminal Program for their economic survival for the time period alleged in the complaint and ongoing.

- 7. Turner-Austin determined, through contract, where the Plaintiffs would work, how much the Plaintiffs would eventually be paid, and how long each Plaintiff would need to work at the MIA location referenced above.
- 8. Turner-Austin determined the amount and quantity of work to be performed by the Plaintiffs.
- 9. Turner-Austin provided the Plaintiffs with specific instructions on how their work was to be performed.

# FEDERAL STATUTORY VIOLATION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS NAMED IN THE COMPLAINT.

The Plaintiffs re-adopt paragraphs #1 through #9 above as factual allegations and further state:

- 10. This action arises under the law of the United States.
- 11. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to The Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. SS 201-219 (section #216 for jurisdictional placement) as well as the Florida Constitution that vests this action within a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 12. 29 U.S.C. S 207 (a) (1) states, " if an employer employs an employee for

more than forty hours in any work week, the employer must compensate the employee for hours in excess of forty at the rate of at least one and one half times the employee's regular rate.." The "F.L.S.A." also required that the Defendants pay each Plaintiff at least \$5.15/hr. for the hours worked by each Plaintiff.

- 13. All of the Defendants' business activities involve those to which the Fair Labor Standards Act applies. The Plaintiffs were construction workers for the Defendants for the relevant time period and handled goods/materials on a daily basis that previously affected or traveled through interstate commerce. The Defendants' respective businesses affected interstate commerce for the relevant time period.
- 14. The Plaintiff "MEDINA" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 08/05/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "MEDINA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "MEDINA" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (5) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

- 15. The Plaintiff "SALVADOR REMOND" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/10/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "SALVADOR REMOND" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "SALVADOR REMOND" was paid an average of \$20.00 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (5) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 16. The Plaintiff "RAFAEL REMOND" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/10/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "RAFAEL REMOND" is claiming unpaid overtime wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "RAFAEL REMOND" was paid an average of \$18.30 per hour but was never compensated overtime wages, minimum wages nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (5) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 17. The Plaintiff "PINEDA" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 08/05/01

until 10/11/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "PINEDA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "PINEDA" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (5) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

- 18. The Plaintiff "JULIO POSAS" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 08/21/01 until 10/14/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "JULIO POSAS" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "JULIO POSAS" was paid an average of \$17.25 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 19. The Plaintiff "ALFONSO CHUNGA" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 07/16/02 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "ALFONSO CHUNGA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "ALFONSO CHUNGA" was paid an average of \$17.25 per hour but was never

compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

- 20. The Plaintiff "ROLANDO CALERO" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/15/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "ROLANDO CALERO" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "ROLANDO CALERO" was paid an average of \$19.30 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 21. The Plaintiff "FRANKLIN CASTILLO" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/30/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "FRANKLIN CASTILLO" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "FRANKLIN CASTILLO" was paid an average of \$17.25 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

- 22. The Plaintiff "MARLON TALAVERA" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/30/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "MARLON TALAVERA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "MARLON TALAVERA" was paid an average of \$17.75 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 23. The Plaintiff "CARLOS LARGAES" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 10/30/01 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "CARLOS LARGAES" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "CARLOS LARGAES" was paid an average of \$17.75 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 24. The Plaintiff "WILLIAM TALAVERA" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about

05/07/02 until 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "WILLIAM TALAVERA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "WILLIAM TALAVERA" was paid an average of \$17.25 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

- 25. The Plaintiff "JOHNNY MENJIVAR" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 03/20/02 until 10/14/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "JOHNNY MENJIVAR" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "JOHNNY MENJIVAR" was paid an average of \$17.75 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.
- 26. The Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 06/11/02 until 10/4/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and

unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (5) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

Plaintiff "FRANKLIN LANZAS" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 01/08/02 until on or about 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "FRANKLIN LANZAS" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "FRANLIN LANZAS" was paid an average of \$13.92 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period. 27. The Plaintiff "WILGEN BRAVO" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 05/20/02 until on or about 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "WILGEN BRAVO" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "WILGEN BRAVO" was paid an average of \$13.92 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

Plaintiff "SNAYRE ACEVEDO" worked an average of (12) 28. The complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 12/17/01 until on or about 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "SNAYRE ACEVEDO" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "SNAYRE ACEVEDO" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period. 27. The Plaintiff "ERICK MARTINEZ" worked an average of (12) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 04/20/02 until on or about 10/10/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "ERICK MARTINEZ" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "ERICK MARTINEZ" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in excess of forty weekly for this time period.

26. The Defendants willfully and intentionally refused to pay each Plaintiff the overtime wages and straight time wages as required by the law of the

United States as set forth above and remains owing each Plaintiff these overtime wages and straight time for the time period as set forth above.

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26. The Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" worked an average of (5) complete uncompensated hours per week for Defendants from on or about 06/11/02 until 10/4/02. This is the time period for which the Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" is claiming unpaid overtime wages, minimum wages and unpaid straight time wages. The Plaintiff "RUBEN QUESADA" was paid an average of \$19.50 per hour but was never compensated overtime, minimum nor straight time wages by the Defendants for these (12) hours worked in

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overtime wages and straight time for the time period as set forth above.

Wherefore, each Plaintiff requests double damages and reasonable attorney

fees from each Defendant, pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act as cited

above, to be proven at the time of trial for all overtime and straight time

wages still owing from each Plaintiff's entire employment period with each

Defendant or, as much as allowed by the Fair Labor Standards Act--

whichever is greater along with court costs, interest, and any other relief that

this Court finds reasonable under the circumstances. Each Plaintiff requests

a trial by jury against each Defendant.

Respectfully submitted

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